

# Alabama Historical Commission lists "Places in Peril"

The Alabama Historical Commission has compiled the 1997 list of endangered historic sites in Alabama, and pertinent information on each. These include:

**The City of Bridgeport** - Perhaps the most pristine of the state's late 19th century "boom towns," Bridgeport faces pervasive and complex threats, such as the near abandonment of its downtown commercial area and encroaching modern industrial development. A concerted effort is needed if this community is to maintain its distinctive historical character.

**Old Greene County Courthouse Complex, Eutaw** - The focal point of this outstanding and attractive mid-nineteenth century judicial complex is a serene 1868 courthouse with cast-iron balconies and tall shuttered windows. Since completion of a new county facility across the street, however, the complex stands neglected and deteriorating.

**Slave Quarters, Statewide** - Only a few of these small one- or two-room structures, usually of log or frame construction, still stand, but they serve as a reminder of an important, if tragic, part of the state's past and are a physical link to the heritage of a large portion of the state's population. The Historical Commission is attempting to document all slave quarters still standing.

**Melton Hollow, Lauderdale County** - Settled in the 1800's, this rare assortment of early farm buildings in a pristine setting offers a glimpse of a lost way of life. Owned by Champion Paper Company, the complex has been set aside as one of Champion's "Special Places in the

Forest."

Local volunteers were to stabilize the log buildings, but nothing has been done. Now a rare four-crib barn is on the brink of collapse.

**Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge, Lee County** - One of only 13 authentic covered bridges left in the state, the Salem-Shotwell Bridge is a fine example of a type of bridge design known as the Town Lattice Truss.

The bridge badly needs structural repair and treatment with a fire-retardant preservative, but the county has shown little interest in maintaining the structure and has even considered selling it to a private citizen who would relocate it to an open field.

**Brierfield Furnace, Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park, Bibb County** - The remains of Brierfield Furnace offer a rare view of iron-making practices in the 1880's and 1890's.

The only furnace in the state built solely by the Confederates, Brierfield supplied iron to the Selma Arsenal for the manufacture of the Brooke cannon.

A grant will provide funds for covering the stack to protect it from ice and rain damage, but public and private money is needed for archaeological work and preservation of the foundations.

**Vicksburg and Brunswick Depot, Etowah** - Alabama's finest Reconstruction-era depot, built in 1872 during the heyday of the American railway industry, the sturdy V&B Depot would make an attractive space for any number of uses, but

the First Methodist Church, owner of the building, is undecided about the log buildings, but nothing has been done. Now a rare four-crib barn is on the brink of collapse.

**Historic Mill Villages, Statewide** - In communities such as Cordova, Bemiston, Huntsville, Prattville, Selma, Tallapoosa, and Valley, well-planned mill villages built by the textile industry in the post-bellum, South helped recruit agricultural workers to the city.

Some villages still thrive as neighborhoods, but many have been neglected. Local governments could restore the homes and by preventing haphazard and inappropriate development such as has occurred in Valley.

**Copeland House, Blount County** - One of two surviving antebellum brick houses in Blount County and one of the few surviving in the entire mountain region of the state, the elegant, Federal-style Copeland House represents a little-known element of antebellum society in the Appalachian region. Restoration must be undertaken soon to maintain the historic integrity of this important artifact of Alabama's mountain culture.

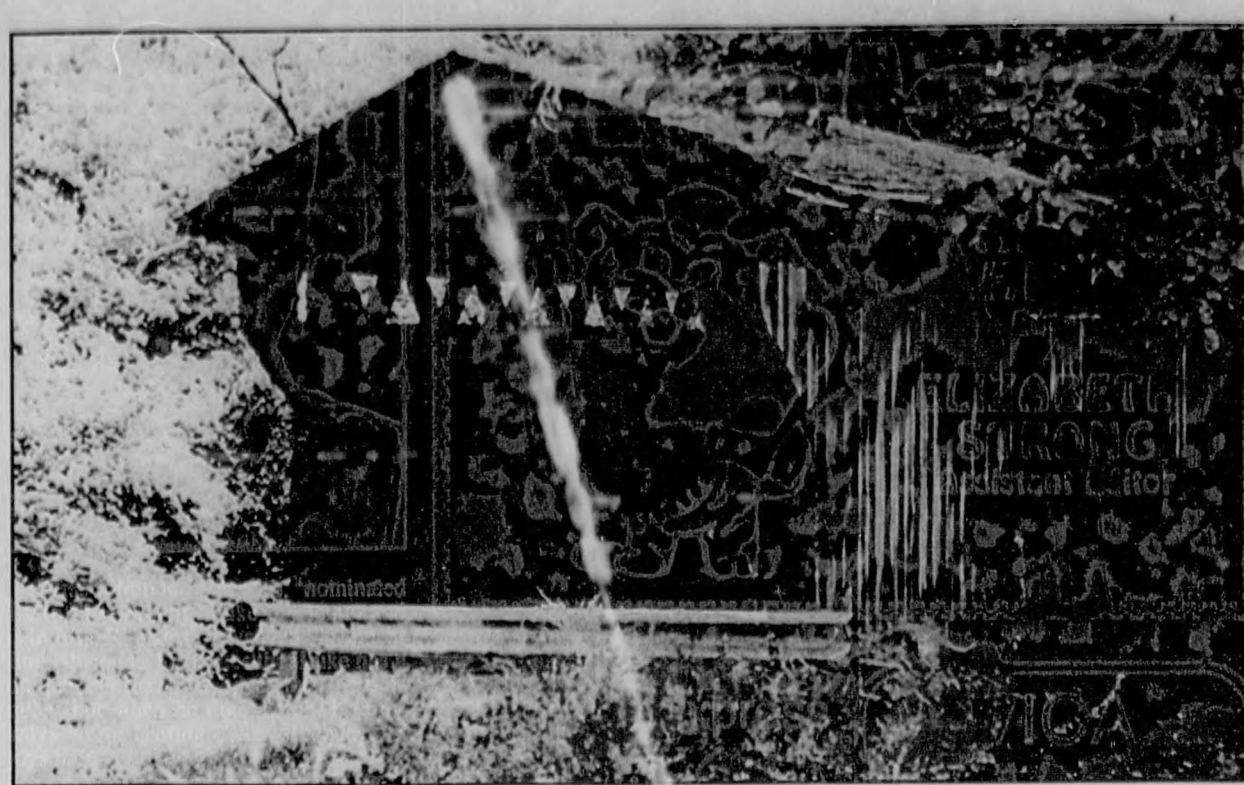
**Nat King Cole House/Belaire Neighborhood, Montgomery** - The birth place of singer Nat King Cole and the historic black residential neighborhood of Belaire surrounding it lie in the path of an expanding university, Alabama State.

Ironically, it was probably the presence of this historically black college that attracted many African-American families to settle in this turn-of-the-century suburb.

The Nat King Cole Society has negotiated purchase of the house and would like to restore it as a museum, but so far they have received little support, while ASU slowly razes the community around it.

**The New Empire Theatre, Montgomery** - was scheduled to be included in the 1997 "Places in Peril" list, but was unexpectedly demolished by Troy State University, Montgomery, in August.

Opened in 1917, the New Empire stood as a site of historical distinction, both for the building itself and what happened in and around it. Hank Williams got the break he needed when he won a contest in Montgomery in 1938, and also on Dec. 1, 1955, at the bus stop in front



Salem-Shotwell Covered Bridge

of the theatre. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to white passengers, thus launching the Civil Rights movement.

Some landmarks have been given a new lease on life recently, including the old Tallapoosa mill complex, once a Confederate armory, and also one of the Deep South's major manufacturing complexes during

pre-Civil War days. It has been acquired by the Talasi Historical Preservation Society.

Also, an elegant old house called "Chantilly" in Greensboro was highlighted in 1995 when it was about to be demolished, and was bought by an expatriate and moved to a new site.

The City of Birmingham stepped

in to save Greenwood-Woodlawn Cemetery, one of Alabama's most notable African-American cemeteries. It contains burials dating back to the 1880's, as well as the graves of three of the four young girls killed in the tragic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing of 1956.

The "Places in Peril" listing is published each year in the fall issue of *Alabama Heritage* magazine.

## Consider organ donation at Christmas time

The National Kidney Foundation's Holiday Resolution Campaign urges all Americans to join the campaign, and "recover the true spirit of the season" by signing organ donor cards.

This campaign offers opportunities to help thousands who are waiting in various kinds of lines paying for their survival to receive the prize on the shelf - a new organ, the gift of life.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama, more than 50,000 Americans are waiting for

life-saving organ transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone marrow and pancreas), and nine to 10 people die each day while waiting for a donor organ.

In Alabama alone, approximately 1,000 people are on the waiting list. "The holiday season is an excellent time to consider organ donation because it is the ultimate gift," says William L. McGuffin Jr., M.D., president of the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama at 334/265-1033.

"It's also a way of bringing the family together for a meaningful discussion. At the time of donation, it's the next of kin who must sign a donation consent form, so your family needs to know what your wishes would be."

The Foundation provides free organ donor cards and a brochure about donation. For more information and a free organ donor card, call the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama at 334/265-1033.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Floyd Construction Co., Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Elba for construction of Industrial Access for Cash Brothers Leasing, Inc. and the City of Elba. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Nov. 6, 1997, and ending on Nov. 27, 1997. All claims should be filed at Floyd Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 485, Troy, AL 36081 during this period.

FLOYD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
Linda D. Floyd  
Vice President 11-6,13,20,27 chg

### ESTATE OF LENA N. GRIMES, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of October, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Sara G. Moore 11-6,13,20,27 chg

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ORDER RE THE MARRIAGE OF:  
Holly Teresa Christiansen, Plaintiff  
and  
Derek Matthew Christiansen, Defendant.

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION  
Derek Matthew Christiansen, whose whereabouts are unknown, must appear in said court on or before 12-22-97, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR 97-95, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

Done the 24th day of October, 1997.  
Jim Ellis, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Linda L. Lund  
Legal Services Corporation  
119 South Foster Street  
Suite 101, Houston Place  
Dothan, Alabama 36023  
(334) 793-7822  
Attorney for Plaintiff 10-30;11-6,13,20,27 chg

### LEGAL NOTICE

Couch Construction, Ltd. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Elba for construction of Project No. 99-307-162-169-701 in Coffee County.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Nov. 13, 1997, and ending on Nov. 27, 1997. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 98, Andalusia, AL 36820 during this period.

Couch Construction, Ltd.  
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### ESTATE OF L. G. ALLEN, DECEASED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of November, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ BILLY TURNER 11-13,20,27Chg

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA  
PROBATE COURT  
Default being made in the terms of that certain real estate mortgage executed by Anthony L. Hatbuck, a single man, to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, Alabama, dated and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 111A, at Pages 192-195, which mortgage, the debt secured thereby and all rights, title and interest of said Mortgagee in and to the property secured by the mortgage, hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage," assigned to SouthTrust Bank, National Association, successor in interest to SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, a banking institution, as appears of record in said Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, at Pages 192-195, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned SouthTrust Bank, National Association will on the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash the highest bidder in front of the court house door of Coffee County in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 1997, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 2, Block "C" of Cedar Ridge Subdivision, First Addition, a subdivision to the City of Elba, Alabama, as the same is recorded in Flat Book 1, Page 73, Office of the Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to, a reasonable attorney's fee, as provided by the terms of said mortgage and the laws of the State of Alabama.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

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### JULIA MARIE MCDANIEL, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL WAYNE MCDANIEL, Defendant.  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO. DR 97-4-97  
To: MICHAEL WAYNE MCDANIEL  
Notice is hereby given that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill of Complaint against you in this Court and you are required to appear and plead or to answer the same by the 22nd day of December, 1997, or thereafter a default judgment may be rendered against you.

This the 23rd day of Oct., 1997.  
Jim Ellis, Circuit Clerk,  
Coffee County, Alabama. 12-30;11-6,13,20,27 chg

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Fannie Lois Folmer and husband, William T. Brooks, Jr., to Mortgage Investors, Inc., on November 19, 1993, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Volume 117A, Record of Mortgages, Pages 194-195, the undersigned, Mortgage Investors, Inc., as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Court house at Elba, COFFEE County, Alabama, on December 5, 1997, during the legal hour of sale, the following described real estate, situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. 7, Block "B", of Kennedy Estates, a subdivision of the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Flat Book 1, Page 80, in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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## Coffee County Farm-City Week Awards Banquet set for tonight

by Marvin McLlwin, Editor

On Thursday, November 6, a press conference was held by the Coffee County Farm-City Week Committee to announce its award recipients.

During this time, several individuals and families were recognized for their contributions to the agricultural and business communities.

Before making the presentations, Mike Root, chairman of the Farm-City Committee, gave a brief overview of Farm-City Week and what it means to Coffee County.

He noted that local farmers and businessmen make a significant impact not only on Coffee County but on the nation.

Root pointed out the fact that total agriculture is the number one industry in Alabama. Today's average farm produces 13 percent of the world's food supply. Also it creates an average of four jobs.

The purpose of the week is to create a better understanding of the important contributions farm and city residents make to the well-being and prosperity of each other.

It is important that our farms and cities remain strong and healthy. After all, they have helped make America a world leader. Now more than ever, it is important that city and farm dwellers understand one another, their similarities, their differences, and their interdependence.

Neither the farm nor city can exist in isolation.

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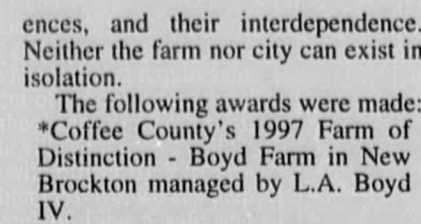
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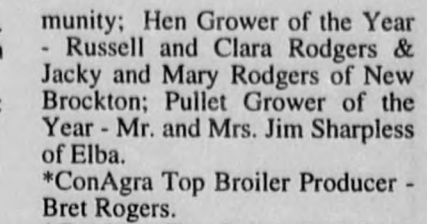
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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week's release of the Alabama Supreme Court ruling on the one jury list in Coffee County being unconstitutional continues to bring out scary ramifications. Tuesday evening of this week we received a copy of an Attorney General's opinion, dated last Thursday also, which seems to imply that all other two-county counties which have gone to the one jury list may also be affected and "leading to additional litigation." Us Coffee County folks are sure good at starting arguments which will never go away.

We have said, and continue to say, that we personally don't care if there is one jury box or two in Coffee County ... if that is where the debate ended. However, we are really bothered that the debate has been reduced to politics and not just to a matter of constitutionality. Somehow, we still want to believe the legislature makes the laws and the Supreme Court interprets the laws for those of us who are uninformed, or misinformed. Politics should not get into this part of the system ... BUT IT DOES AND IT IS HERE IN THIS MATTER. We see it oozing from every crevice. If half of what different folks are telling us happened while getting the jury matter to this point, folks it might be best if all of us go ahead and move to that deserted island that doesn't show up on any map! It is embarrassing.

California continues to pass voter spawned initiatives which reverse many of the more liberal laws passed in the past 30 years. Affirmative action was the most recent one they did away with. Now there is a movement to pass a law forcing the teaching of only English as a first language. Surprisingly, a recent poll shows that 84% of the Latinos in California support this move. They want their children to learn English ... parents wanting their children to get ahead in their new country. There is nothing unusual about that, in fact it is the "right" attitude to have. This Hispanic support is grassroots, not from the activists who make their living in - in this case - trying to make America like the place the Hispanics left looking for a better life. Reportedly the activists are opposed to teaching only English.

The failure of the U. S. Congress to pass the "fast track" legislation, dealing with international trade agreements is a bit of a puzzle. This isn't something new, we had it until the old law expired a couple of years ago and never heard a complaint. Also, Congress still would have veto power over any treaty the president submitted. Our opinion is that this is a vote of no confidence in the president and not a vote against the "fast track" concept of getting new trade treaties.

The release of the report cards on every school and school system in the state of Alabama has some educators mad, others worried and educators and parents alike trying to understand exactly what the grades really mean. Elba scored better than other area systems on "local financial support," a fact which surprised many, including us. The low grade on ACT tests also surprised us. While borrowing from the public radio comedian and jokingly saying all our children are above average, this ACT score puzzles us. No student takes the test unless planning to go on to college, therefore it is students who want good grades who even bother with this one. So why the D- grade? Are our graduates that much behind the others in Alabama and the nation. If so, then why do they score so much above the average on other nationally sanctioned and graded tests. Thus far the report card gives us personally more questions than answers.

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VICKIE BAILEY or RHONDA BRUNSON  
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### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of November 11, 1997 through November 17, 1997. They were: Garrett Bowers, Pettie Wambles, Doris Hughes, Nancy Wicker, Jimmy Davis, Rena Felton, Samantha Bowman, Ethel Abercrombie, Ricardo Cooks, Garry Lambert, Fred Cox, Henry Veit, Virgie Donahoo, Bobbie Jean Flowers, Ollie Irene Taylor, Henry Woods, Jasmine Walker, and Antonio Hill.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Bruce Durga, Ruby McWaters, Alma Caylor, Ethel Abercrombie, Rena Felton, Jimmy Davis, Venencia Magwood, Sage Kelley, Nancy Wicker, Doris Hughes, Garrett Bowers, Pettie Wambles, Samantha Bowman, Bobbie Jean Flowers, Fred Cox, Garry Lambert, and Cola Carney.

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### ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 10 THRU NOVEMBER 16, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 10, 1997, investigated the following incidents: three thefts of property, one criminal trespass, two criminal mischiefs, two harassments, one reckless endangerment, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one burglary.

The following arrest was made: one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: thirty-three for speeding, three for driving without a driver's license, one for seat belt required, four for no driver's license, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, two for an expired tag, two for driver's license required, one for DUI, and two for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - Alarm at Kelley Foods (5:45 a.m.); River stage - 5.98 feet (6:15 a.m.); Burglary reported at a residence on Stroud Ave. (8:51 p.m.); Disturbance reported on West St. (10:31 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - River stage - 6.14 feet (6:37 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - River stage - 6.90 (6:28 a.m.); Minor wreck at Hoho Pantry (2:13 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Alarm at Elba General Hospital (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 9.40 feet (6:40 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W in front of Kleiner's (3:10 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Wreck reported on Al Hwy. 87N (12:38 a.m.); River stage - 10.74 feet (6:45 a.m.); Rescue run to Taylor Mill Oaks (4:33 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Brookdale Ave. 96:56 p.m.; Rescue run to a residence on Al Hwy. 87N (7:44 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:48 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - River stage - 11.49 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Kleiner's (8:08 a.m.); Burglary reported at the Dairy Queen (8:21 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (8:40 a.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - River stage - 7.60 feet (6:41 a.m.); Fight reported at Powell's Trailer Court (5:29 p.m.); Routine activity.

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### Bulletin Board

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ELBA MINISTRIES - Tues. - 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m. City Hall  
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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thru - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thru - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building  
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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Building  
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## There is no line in the county sand

by Rep. Garrett Moore  
Ala. House of Representatives

One thing I've learned during my three years of "law school" up in Montgomery: we've got an abundance of laws -- constitutional laws, case laws, statutory laws.

You have enough to argue intelligently on either side of almost any subject. Maybe we should just wipe the slate clean and start over. Common sense and a representative form of government might survive, maybe even flourish.

I'm not to the point of promoting a constitutional convention, although there are many around Alabama, mostly scholars, who would. But, you do have to stop and think: if we don't care, who will?

The Supreme Court of Alabama has denied the right of the elected officials of Coffee County to set the most basic rules for self-government. The right to set ground rules for judging your fellow man should remain as close to the people as possible.

The Supreme Court ruled in a split decision that we have to continue to draw jurors from two separate pools within the boundaries of Coffee County. In effect they are making a distinction between



the folks on either side of an imaginary line that has never been surveyed.

There is no Enterprise List and Elba List - surprise! - I have asked for it on several occasions. Nobody knows the number of potential jurors on either list because there isn't one. It would be safe to say we have one BIG pool and one small pool.

The smaller the pool the better the trial lawyers like their odds. You can't blame them; they are just following the path of least resistance - they're smart folks. Good for them, bad for the rest of us.

Changing this outdated system is something I believe is integral to bringing unity to this county. It was supported without dissent by the elected officials of Coffee County to set the most basic rules for self-government. The right to set ground rules for judging your fellow man should remain as close to the people as possible.

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The inability to gain conviction on criminal cases due to ugly juries has now reared its ugly head. When murders go unrequited, it is time to grow concerned.

The divide in the court was split among conservative/liberal lawyer lines. The conservatives on the court, led by Chief Justice Perry Hooper Sr., sided with "We the People." The group that traditionally side with whatever the trial lawyers want were the main problem. It'll just take another cycle or two to fix that.

I guess my biggest disappointment regarding this whole issue is that our state government is as out of balance as our federal government. The judicial, executive, and legislative branches were designed to work better than they are now.

I am very pleased to have been able to work with Barbara and the Chamber during my tenure as Elba's mayor.

As Barbara relinquishes her duties as director of the Chamber of Commerce, our best wishes for her continued success will accompany her. I commend her on a job well done.

We have a better chance of fixing it on the best state level, though. Representatives, commissioners, AND judges face the voters regularly.

I'll keep you updated regarding this issue.

### AL SMITH Attorney at Law



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Recently retired as Chief Assistant District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit (Pike & Coffee Counties), he was previously the first General Counsel to the Alabama Board of Pardons and Poles.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When Wayne and I moved to Elba in 1981, Elba did not have a Chamber of Commerce.

While I was mayor of Elba, I was privileged to work with a VIABLE Chamber of Commerce, one that was more than just a chamber in name only.

Under the leadership and direction of Barbara Hudson, the Elba Chamber of Commerce attracted much statewide media publicity to our city on numerous occasions - including Alberta Martin Day and the Miss Elba pageants.

Barbara worked exceptionally well with city officials, and together we were able to have many successful and productive events.

With the assistance of Elba's beauty queens and the Chamber of Commerce, we were able to open and perform ribbon cuttings for many new businesses in Elba, too numerous to list.

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Ricky Hayward  
Mayor of Elba 1992-1996

Dear Editor,

The state superintendent's Report Card that recently has been released is a very thorough yet complex report of the status of schools in Alabama. The average citizen may find it difficult to interpret exactly what all the scores and grades really mean.

While it is not difficult to determine what A, B, C, D, and F indicate on test score analysis, and how each school ranks on the SAT, High School Exit Exam, ACT, and other tests, some people may be confused about how the state dropout rate, system expenditures per child, free/reduced lunch eligibility, mills equivalent, etc., impact the quality of education offered by a given school.

I won't attempt to explain how all these factors affect a school's to-grade or performance, however, all these, plus more, should be considered when one evaluates a community school.

We continue to be the schools' report card continues to show strength and moderate improvement in most areas. Our SAT scores show consistency in improvement over three years. We continue to be awarded an academic clear record by the State Dept. of Education.

System achievement/ability index scores have increased from a C- in 1995 to a B+ in 1997.

Areas of concern are SAT scores

and Writing Assessment scores. We rate only a D- this year on ACT scores and we are already alerted to this from the two previous years of scoring only a D+.

We continue to hope that the good reports at the lower grade levels will have a positive impact on the ACT scores of our future seniors.

The other area of concern is that of writing assessment for fifth- and seventh-graders. While we show improvement over the past three years at both these grades, we are focusing our attention on the D+ we received in grade seven in the area of persuasive writing.

We continue to have a low dropout rate and rank very favorably in local support for our schools.

Even though our enrollment has shown a decrease from 1118 in 1994-95 to 1070 in 1996-97, we have a net increase in 1997-98 to 1091.

We still remain pleased but not satisfied with the results of our efforts to provide a quality education to our students. We will continue to strive for improvement and focus on those areas of greatest weakness.

We also continue to solicit the support and suggestions of our community as we work together to make Elba City Schools the best we possibly can be.

Charles Pearce  
Supt. Elba City Schools

Dear Editor,

The faculty and staff of Zion Chapel Elementary School would like to thank everyone involved in making our Fall Festival a huge success.

A special thanks to all the merchants who donated gifts and for their interest in our school, and also a big thanks to all the parents, students, family members, and friends for supporting our school with their hard work and dedication.

Parents and teachers working together with the community provide a successful educational program for our children.

Zion Chapel Elementary  
Faculty and Staff

Share Your Views!  
Write a Letter  
To the Editor.



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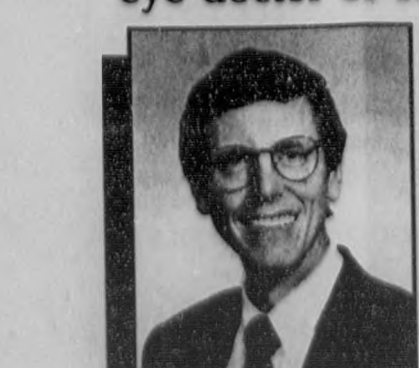
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## Social & Community Happenings

### Savannah Eden Hicks is three years old

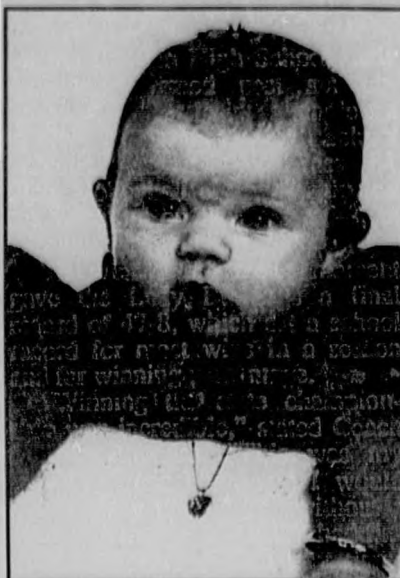


Savannah Eden Hicks

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ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
Saturday, NOV. 30th

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## New Arrival



Savannah Victoria Williamson

Savannah Victoria Williamson was born Aug. 4, 1997, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz.

Savannah is the daughter of Tim and Tammy Williamson, and sister to Sydney.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruce Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Elkin Edlow Williamson of Elba.

## Christmas Open House & Christmas Festival to be at Southeast Pioneer Village

Christmas Open House will be held November 28, 29 & 30, 1997, at the Southeast Pioneer Village, located on Hwy. 231, eight miles north of Troy, AL, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments and in-shop discounts will be available.

A Christmas Festival is planned for Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. The festival will include arts & crafts, antiques, collectible dolls, primitives, wood work and etc. Free admission, good food, and family fun will be enjoyed by all. Booth spaces are available. Call: 334-807-3794/334-566-3896 or to leave message call: 334-556-9970/334-484-9141.



Joshua Blake Kidd

Joshua Blake Kidd is 15

Joshua Blake Kidd turned 15 on Nov. 3, 1997. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kidd of Elba, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grimes of Elba, and of the late J.B. and Audrey Kidd of Elba.

Joshua is a ninth-grader at Calvary Christian Academy in Andalusia.

He has one brother, Scott Kidd, and one sister, Stephanie Hicks.

Rev. & Mrs. Welby Bozeman to be honored with reception

All friends are invited to stop by and visit with the Bozemans.

## Mr. & Mrs. Gautney to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary



Emilee Michaela Hudson

The Children of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Gautney request the pleasure of your company at their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, the twenty-third of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven from two until four o'clock in the afternoon at their home in Opp, Alabama. No gifts please.

Three-In-One Study Club meets

The Three-In-One Study Club met Nov. 6 at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast with Mrs. Wilson Newman serving as hostess.

Mrs. E.M. Warr gave an inspirational devotional. Mrs. Wilson Newman, president, presided over a short business meeting.

"Aunt B" (Barbara Hudson) served a delicious salad/dessert plate with coffee to the nine members present.

She won Most Photogenic. Most Beautiful and overall winner in her age group 12 - 23 months.

Emilee will now attend the state finals to be held in Birmingham in April, 1998.

Magnolia Home and Garden Club holds November meeting

The Elba Magnolia Home and Garden Club met Nov. 6 at the Elba Library with Erna Warr and Adileen Newman as hostesses.

Members present were Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Edward Hudson, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Conway Lowery, Mrs. Wilson Grimes, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Warr and Mrs. Jim Williams.

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Chandler to be honored with Wedding Anniversary celebration

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Chandler invite you to the celebration of their parents' 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday December 7, 1997 from 2:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon, at The Brantley Project Community House. No Gifts Please.

Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Smart to be honored on Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smart request the pleasure of your company at their parents' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, the thirtieth of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven from two until four o'clock in the afternoon at the Bluff Springs Baptist Church located on County Rd. 304.

Let your presence be your gift.

Thomas William Hobbs celebrates first birthday

Thomas William Hobbs celebrated his first birthday on August 30, 1997. Celebrating with him was his parents Jeff and Becky Hobbs.

The theme of the party was "Loo-ney Tunes."

His grandparents are Bill and Faye Peters of Elba, Janet Hobbs, Elba and Tom Hobbs of Fayetteville, NC.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER Re. Marvin C. Ennis Elba United Methodist Church

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## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

\*\*\*Scripture: Isaiah 63:1-14  
\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Caldwell family, Jimmie L. Lee, Annie Pearl Bullard, Rev. Henry E. Magwood, Onnie Bell Daniels, Ida Hooks, Pearl Tills, Estella Owens, Lovie Hooks, Vick Lindsey.

\*\*\*November birthdays: Kim Ri-deaux - Nov. 14; Diane Carter - Nov. 27; Ronald Hill - Nov. 4; Willie Gene Hooks - Nov. 29; Angela Ramsey - Nov. 22; Ed Manning - Nov. 16.

The Misses Alabama for 1995 and 1996, as well as Carrie Johnson and Bill Taylor of WSEA TV, have also been guests.

Members present were Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Edward Hudson, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Conway Lowery, Mrs. Wilson Grimes, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Warr and Mrs. Jim Williams.

Friday, Nov. 21 - devotional - officers of Rocky Head, St. Mary, or visiting churches; music - Rocky Head M.B. Church; welcome - Deacon Mix Andrews; sermon - Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and Shiloh Baptist Church, Tarentum Community, Brundidge.

Sunday, Nov. 23 - 9:45 - Sunday School; 11 a.m. - morning worship; Program - 2:30 - devotional - officers of First Baptist Church, Ozark; Springfield and Elba Zion Baptist; music - visiting choir; welcome - Williams, pastor, Sunday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m. - Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 11 a.m. - regular worship service; 3 p.m. - program, with sermons by Elder Joe Curry.

\*\*\*Question: Who was the first African American to become executive director of the NAACP?

Answer: Frederick J. Streats.

\*\*\*Question: What percentage of American physicians are African Americans?

Answer: According to the 1992 records of the American Medical Association, three percent.

\*\*\*Pastor's Aid Program, Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, Sunday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m. - Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 11 a.m. - regular worship service; 3 p.m. - program, with sermons by Elder Joe Curry.

\*\*\*Today is a good day - be grateful!

Special Persons Mini Bazaar to be held THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20th 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL Crafts, Homemade Items, Christmas Decorations, Homemade Canned Goods and Baked Goods Come & Eat Lunch We'll Have Barbecue Sandwiches Soup & Chili - Homemade Desserts

## Singspiration to be held at New Brockton Methodist Church

The regular "Singspiration" among area Methodist churches will be held at New Brockton United Methodist Church Sunday night, Nov. 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

Churches and choirs participating include Wesley Chapel, Asbury Pleasant Ridge, St. Paul, and New Brockton.

The public is cordially invited.

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Love and the concern born of love is very powerful. It can make friends out of enemies. Love is what helped Christianity to overcome mighty Rome. Christianity could not have survived without the love of its people.

## True Gospel Church News

Gospel Sing There will be a Gospel Sing on Saturday, Nov. 22, beginning at 7 p.m. at True Gospel Chapel on Coffee Co. Rd. 41 (Brunson's Chapel Road off 331 N.) in Brantley.

Featured group will be the "Set Free Singers" from Montgomery.

A love offering will be taken, and a time of fellowship will follow the singing.

For more information call 334/335-6006.

Everyone is welcome.

Thanksgiving Dinner A Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at the True Gospel Chapel on Coffee County Rd. 41 (Brunson Chapel Rd. off 331 N.) in Brantley on Nov. 25, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. This meal is for those who have no place to go for Thanksgiving.

Also, a welcome is extended for November 27, Thanksgiving Day.

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FUND BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 1996	413,395.94
REVENUES:	
STATE SOURCES	3,995,736.51
FEDERAL SOURCES	679,336.41
LOCAL SOURCES	1,313,889.20
OTHER SOURCES	117.33
TOTAL REVENUE	5,989,079.45
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:	
FUND TRANSFERS IN	317,043.66
OTHER SOURCES	25,656.78
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	343,500.64
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,332,580.09
EXPENDITURES:	
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	3,405,077.73
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	909,660.21
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	463,747.26
AUXILIARY SERVICES	707,137.18
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	325,386.69
CAPITAL OUTLAY	354,939.22
DEBT SERVICES	
PRINCIPAL INTEREST	
OTHER DEBT SERVICES	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,021.06
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,184,969.35
OTHER FUND USES:	
FUND TRANSFERS OUT	317,843.66
OTHER USES	2,872.78
TOTAL OTHER FUND USES	320,716.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND USES	6,505,685.79
ENDING FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 1997	240,290.04

I hereby certify that the above financial statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Charles L. Pearce

Charles L. Pearce, Superintendent

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 14th day of November 1997.

Sylvia Brown

Sylvia Brown, Notary Public

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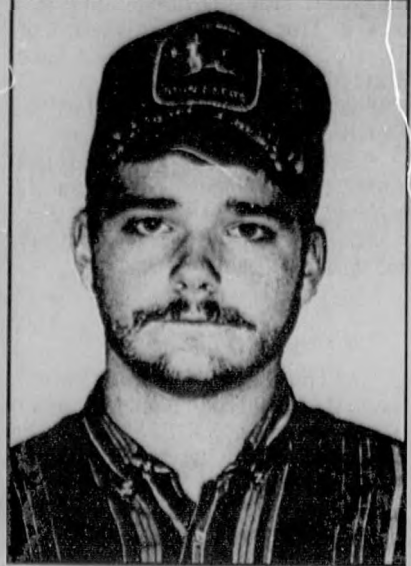
<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.</p> <p>HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB 1:30 AM - 1:45 PM - Sun. Rev. John Rogers</p> <p>Non Devotion WELB Monday thru Friday 12:45 - 12:55 PM - Bill Beck</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Eddie Bae Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST 8-11 PM Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. William Frank Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 10:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD Lemar Dean Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J.E. West Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reed Sunday School - 10:30 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA</p>
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## Students Of The Week

by: Vaughan Boyd

Kendra Vaughan, a tenth grader, was nominated by Mrs. Sue King. Mrs. King chose Kendra because she is conscientious, a very hard worker, and is always on task. She says that Kendra's attitude is great. Mrs. King states that it is a real pleasure to have Kendra in her class.



Mrs. Jimmie Rhoades nominated Luke Bludworth. Luke is a senior and is in Mrs. Rhoades' Advanced Placement English class. She states that Luke has a unique approach to education. He is quiet, but when he does speak, it is always worth hearing. Mrs. Rhoades enjoys having Luke in her class.

Mrs. Karen Bowers nominated Adam Brunson, a seventh grader, because he is an excellent role model and doesn't "follow the crowd." She states that he always tries his best and is respectful to adults as well as teachers.



Deann Smith was nominated by Mrs. Lynn Weeks and Mr. Jeff Ellis. Both teachers say that Deann is a hard worker and has a great attitude. She is always prompt, courteous, and is a very bright young person. Deann is in the seventh grade.

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## Tiger Tales



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## Students Express Feelings...

by: Shea Free

By now everyone at the high school is well aware of the price increase in canned coke products. This increase is due to the need of more school funds. The price of drinks went from \$0.50 to \$0.75.

A majority of the student body is not happy with the increase of price. If a student buys a \$0.75 drink and a \$0.60 snack at break, and a \$1.50 tray at lunch plus a \$0.50 tea or a \$0.75 drink, that student will spend either \$3.35 (with a tea) or \$3.65 (with a coke) a day. That is \$16.75 or \$18.00 a week.

Here are some comments from the student body on this issue:

Marcus Siler - "From the business point of view it is a good move, but from the consumer point of view, as a senior, money is tight. I can't see myself paying \$0.75 for a drink."

Melissa Welch - "I think paying \$0.75 for a drink is ridiculous. You're just giving in to them when you do. You should start bringing your own drink or get tea at lunch instead and see how they like that."

Kristen Dubisar - "Why pay \$0.75 for a 12 oz. can when you can go to any convenience store and buy a resealable 20 oz. bottle?"

Twantha Thomas - "I think the drinks should go back to \$0.50 because they are only ripping people off. All they want is money so therefore I will not buy a drink."

Deanna Gilford - "I think that \$0.75 is way too high, but if the school needs more funds, I think a compromise is possible."

Cobra Gray - "I think it is ridiculous."

Elizabeth Strong - "There needs to be another approach taken to make money for the school. Students should not be responsible for paying for the things our tax money should pay for."

Kevin Dodd - "I think it's stupid! If the school needs money they should have managed it better to begin with. Don't make the students pay the debt."

Leigh Kelley - "I think it is stupid. They are already making money off of us through the 3% they get off the clubs. They have raised snack prices to \$0.60 already and they make more money off of us."

Go Tigers!

## \*\*\*EES Family Night\*\*\*

Monday night, November 3, 1997, was filled with food, fun, and knowledge as approximately 300 adults and children participated in Family Night.

At the end of the 1996-97 school year, Elba Elementary School wrote a grant to the United Way to fund a Family Night Program. The grant money was presented at the end of the school year for use in the 1997-98 school year.

Those attending were treated to a free hot-dog dinner compliments of the grant money. Kelley Foods of Alabama, Big Little Stores, Mr. Henry's and Whitman Drugs.

There were nine mini-sessions for the adults to attend. The mini-sessions were taught by Mrs. Debra Lee, Mr. Chip Quisenberry, Mr. Mike Canley, Mrs. Jana Kelley, Mrs. Angela Hughes, Chief Ronnie Whitworth, Officer Dean Blair, Dr. Paul C. Motta, Mrs. Harriette Boyd, Mr. Matthew Brunson, and Mrs. Ginger Boyd.

School age children did crafts in the library and played games in the gym. Those under school age were well cared for in a nursery provided by the Elba Elementary School teachers and two Junior Beta Club members, Devry Kilcrease and Kristy Ward.

The evaluation forms showed that those attending felt the major drawback to the night was that the sessions were too short.

This Family Night activity was an excellent example of what can occur when parents and everyone in the school and community work together.

The administration wishes to express a special thank you to all those who donated door prizes, to all the families who took time out of their busy lives to at-

tend, to the presenters who did a fantastic job for just a thank you, to the teachers who did their part to make this successful, and to the staff who cooked and cleaned and hauled and did all that was asked of them.

Last but not least thanks to the United Way for the grant and Mrs. Lynn Baker, the Counselor at New Brockton Elementary School, without whose guidance we would have been lost.

## Red Ribbon Week

As the DARE officer for Elba City Schools, Officer Dean Blair, takes "Just Say No" very seriously. To help imprint this message in the hearts and minds of the children of Elba Elementary School, the week of October 27-31 was Red Ribbon Week.

During this week, the grounds of the Elba Elementary were alive with red ribbons. The children were given red ribbons to wear. Dress up days to "put a cap" on drugs and to wear red were both fun and educational.

Keeping the children and young people of Elba safe is a task that requires the joint commitment of school, community and home. As the African proverb says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

By joining with Officer Blair to support the red ribbon message, we can help keep our 'village' of Elba a safe and drug free place for all of us.

For more information about the DARE program, you can contact the Elba Police Department or Elba Elementary School.

## Elba Elementary School Menus

Nov. 24 - 25, 1997

### Breakfast

Monday - Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Thursday - Friday -

### Lunch

Monday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk  
Tuesday - Turkey Dressing, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Bread, Tangerine, Milk  
Wednesday - Thursday - Friday -

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

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## Witch Visits EES Students



## Homecoming Parade

\*\*\*Winners\*\*\*

**CATEGORY I:**  
1st Place Winner: 11th Grade "Erupt the Tigers"  
2nd Place Winner: 8th Grade "Roast the Tigers"  
3rd Place Winner: 9th Grade "Mow over Monroe"

**CATEGORY II:**  
1st Place Winner: Elba Midget Tigers  
2nd Place Winner: Elba Pee Wee Football Team  
3rd Place Winner: Elba High School's Honored Class of 1997

## Elba Tigers Team Of The Week

by: Deanna Gilford

The Elba Tigers were rewarded with the title of Team of the Week (Oct. 20-24) after an awesome 22-0 win over the Geneva County Panthers.

Community Bank and Trust Senior Vice President, Ken Farris, an Elba graduate, and Cliff Watson, Senior Vice President, came to Elba High School and honored Coach Sikes and the Senior football players with a plaque at the pep rally on October 24.

Coach Sikes commented that he did not expect this honor but was very proud for the team. "They put forth an excellent effort."

The Journalism Staff congratulates the E.H.S. football team for all their hard work and dedication.

## Student Government Meets

by: Vaughan Boyd

On Wednesday, November 5, 1997 the Student Council officers and representatives met in Mrs. Bailey's room.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Strong, President. Attendance was recorded by secretary, Laura Crowe. Plans for the Christmas party at Mrs. Bailey's house were made.

Due to rain on October 31, the picnic day was canceled and plans are being made for another picnic day.

The officers and representatives discussed the district meeting which will be held at Enterprise State Junior College. Completing the painting of the tiger was set for Saturday, November 15, 1997.

Members were chosen on a voluntary basis to work in the concession stand during junior varsity basketball games.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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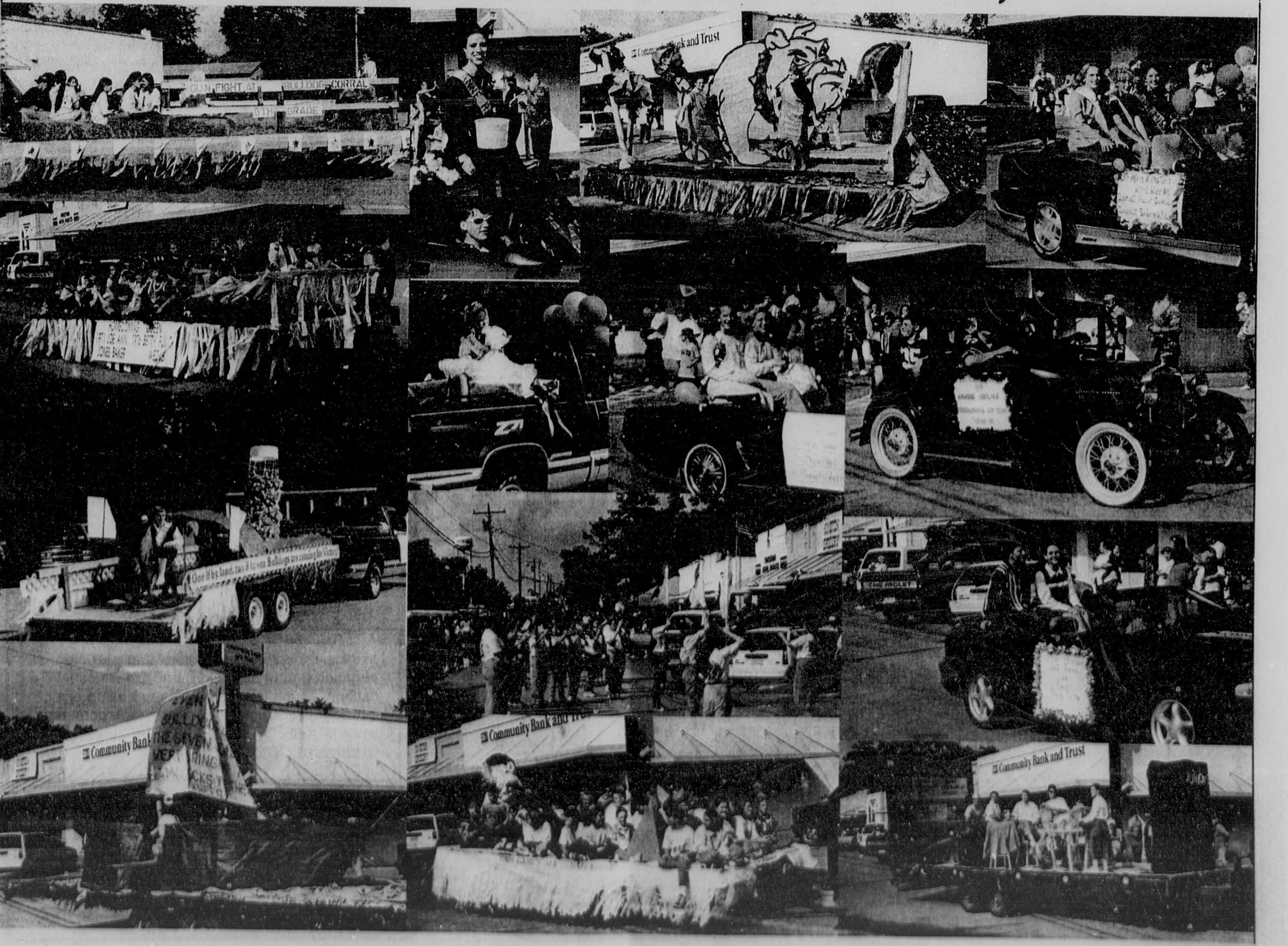


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## Zion Chapel High School Celebrates Homecoming '97



## Kinston High School Celebrates Homecoming '97





Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls at the Mularz house were really getting the itch to get out last week as the end of the football season and the rainy weather left them bored and homesick. Melanie did manage to get out Saturday morning for a birthday party, but Melissa did little but sleep, watch TV and clean house over what had to be one of her "worst weekends ever." Oh well, the holiday season is fast approaching and maybe they will get to travel. Oh, no, that means both of them having to ride in the same vehicle!

## NOTES IN PASSING ON A COOL WEEKEND...

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers have now opened their basketball season, and I for one am really looking forward to watching the Tigers play under the direction of Coach Mark Johnston. Coach Johnston came to Elba from 6A Tuscaloosa County, and brought with him a brand of basketball that few in this area have seen before. The New-Tiger coach promises that his team will play a tough man-to-man defense all over the court, and work hard on the offensive end to get high percentage shots. I know that expectations are always high at the beginning of a season; however, this season the hopes for another winning season are higher than ever. One player that will no doubt draw a lot of attention will be 6'6" freshman Tim Ware. Ware played on every boys team at Elba High at some last season, and has been working hard with Coach Johnston to learn the game from the ground up. C'mon out Elba fans, it's a really new year in basketball.

\*\*\*I talked with Elba's Coach David Sikes last week and he assured me that he would indeed be back to coach the Tigers next season. The rumors had been floating around that Coach Sikes had become discontent at Elba after the Tigers 2-8 season and would leave for an assistant position at a larger school, but I went straight to the coach's mouth and got the answer many Tiger fans wanted to hear. He also repeated that the junior high program would change into a middle school program, and that the Tigers would field a 7th-8th grade team. The ninth graders will now dress with the varsity, but will get to play JV games during the season along with some of the sophomores. It will be a major change, but should pay dividends.

\*\*\*No! Elba is not dropping down in classification next season. I printed a copy of the 1998 football schedule in last week's column, and many readers thought that the changes in the area alignment meant the Tigers would fall to 2A. Elba is still very much a 3A school and will compete in the 3A ranks for the next two years; it just so happened that both Clayton and Slocumb moved up to 3A from the 2A ranks, and that Rehobeth and Headland both jumped up to 4A. Maybe that will straighten it out.

\*\*\*The high school football playoffs began last week, and it wasn't a very good week for area teams as Brantley, Kingston and Enterprise were all ousted in the opening round. Brantley's loss was a true upset to Natusula, while Kingston never had a chance against powerful Billingsley, and Enterprise's easy regular season schedule probably helped play a part in its loss to Jeff Davis. There are some very good games on tap this week, as Luverne plays host to three-time defending champ Clay County, undefeated Greenville hosts undefeated Sylacauga, and Dale County takes its perfect record down to Brewton to battle T.R. Miller. I know Elba isn't playing, but there are still plenty of good football games around for the fans to see.

\*\*\*Alabama's loss to Mississippi State last week was simply another in a long list of disappointing losses for the Crimson Tide. A friend was at the house for some of the game and jumped up after one touchdown and declared the State runner should have been down because the Bama defender touched him with two hands behind the waist. Anyway, it wasn't a very good showing for the Tide, and the only good thing about the season is that it will end this weekend over in Auburn.

\*\*\*To you Auburn fans, I told you so! I told all my Auburn friends last week that Georgia was highly over-rated and that Auburn would win by a big score. Well, the late Georgia TD's did make the final score a little closer than I expected, but Auburn soundly whipped the 'Dogs and put themselves in position to play for the SEC title in the Georgia Dome. Here's another prediction: if Auburn meets Tennessee it will win the SEC title game and play in a major bowl. I don't like Auburn, but that's my pick.

\*\*\*We have a big feature this week on the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and their rise to the top of the state volleyball world. The Lady Bulldogs worked hard throughout the season and competed against the best teams in the state, all over the state, to get ready for the State Tournament, and the hard work and experience paid off. The feature is well-deserved.

\*\*\*The Polish Prognosticator dropped by this week after going 26-9 in the opening round of the playoffs, and said that since the area teams were now out of the post-season play, he was going to hang it up for the year with a final state of 402-79. Since he wouldn't make this week's picks, I thought I would give it a try and see how hard it really is. Here goes...

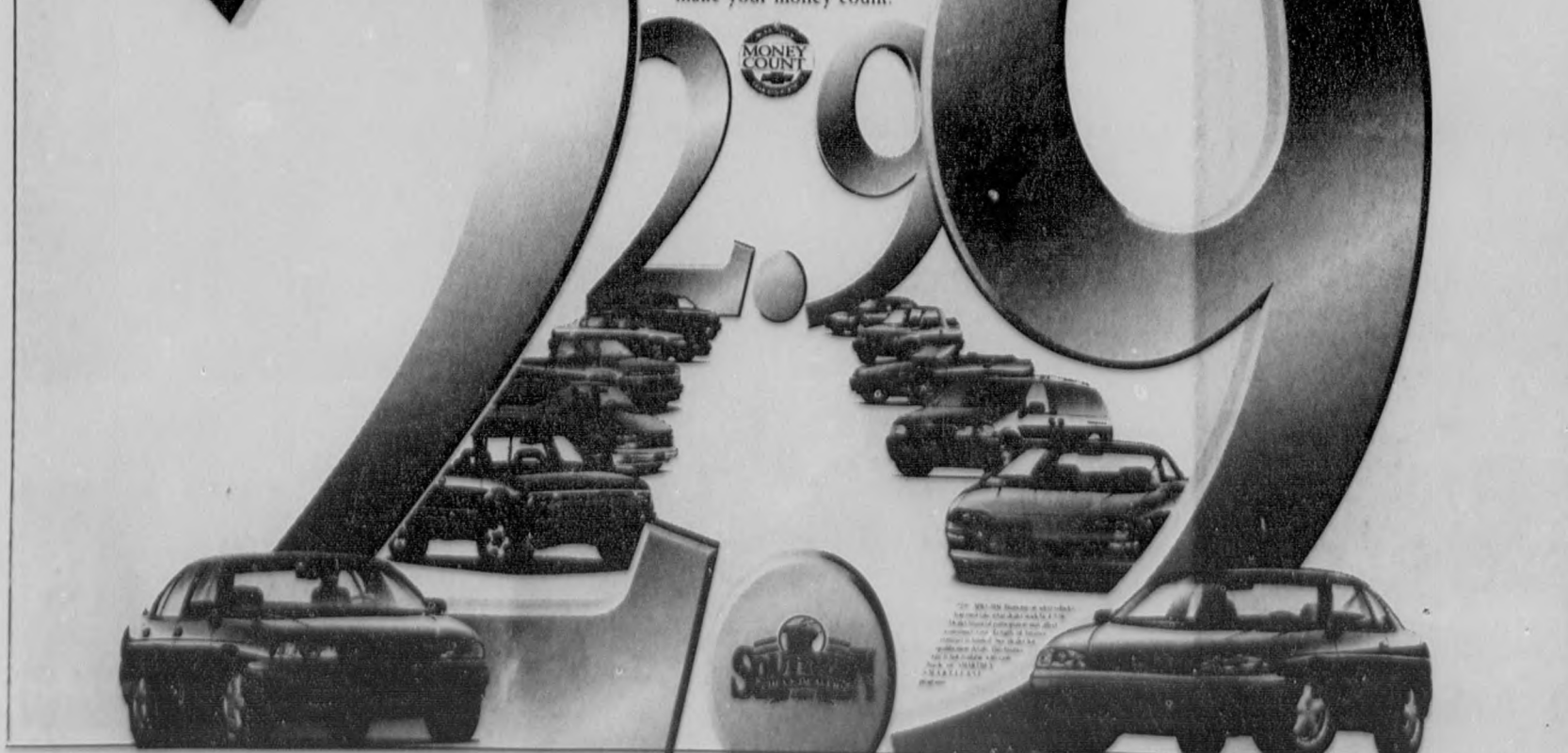
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Cottonwood 21 Reeltown 0

Sulligent 21 St. James 10  
UMS-Wright 17 Rehobeth 7  
Greensboro 21 Daleville 17  
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Greenville 27 Sylacauga 25  
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## SPORTS

Luverne to host Clay County

## Prep football playoffs enter second round

The opening round of the Alabama High School Athletic Association's "State Football Playoffs" was held last week, with a total of 95 teams being eliminated from the post-season party.

The opening round proved to be the end of the road for a number of area teams, with following high-lights of the opening round action in each of the six classifications:

CLASS 1A - It certainly wasn't a good night for area teams in the 1A ranks, as Kinston was pummeled by Billingsley 55-19. Brantley was upset by Natusula 18-13. Ariton was clobbered by Autaugaava 44-13 and Frisco City was hammered by Maplesville 39-16.

CLASS 2A - The results were slightly better in the 2A circles as Cottonwood blanked Goshen 12-0, Highland Home surprised Excel 18-6, Florala blanked Houston County 48-0. Luverne spanked Geneva County 28-8 and Red Level upset G.W. Long 27-20.

CLASS 3A - It wasn't a total wash-out in the 3A ranks, either, as Rehobeth scored late to edge past St. Clair County 23-20 and UMS-Wright outscored Fulton 49-21. On the other end of the ledger, Headland lost to Lincoln 34-24, Trinity fell to Briarwood 21-0 and Southern Choctaw fell to Cordova 19-13.

CLASS 4A - The state's most exciting class saw T.R. Miller edge Dallas County 21-12, Daleville slip past Tallassee 21-18 and Dale County outscored Dadeville 41-24. In other action, W.S. Neal was stunned by Greensboro 14-6, Abbeville lost to Lanett 22-20 and Pike County fell to Handley 42-14.

CLASS 5A - The action in 5A was exciting, as expected, with Blount blanking Chilton County 25-0, Greenville whipping Valley 25-6 and Sylacauga whipping Citronelle 41-13. Teams finding their way out of the playoffs included Opp, a 7-0 loser to Smiths Station; Stanhope Elmore, a 14-13 loser to Jackson; and Demopolis, a 14-7 loser to Shaw.

CLASS 6A - Anything can, and will happen in the 6A ranks, as Do-

than slipped past Carver 7-6, Robert E. Lee edged Baldwin County 10-7, Jeff Davis spanked Enterprise 26-0 and Pelham stunned Vigor 27-20. In other action, Central of Phenix City, blanked Theodore 13-0, Prattville edged past Fairhope 20-17, in overtime, and Benjamin Russell surprised Murphy 17-14, also in overtime.

The second round will be played this week, with a total of 96 teams battling for the right to advance to the quarterfinals. Following is a brief preview of this week's action:

CLASS 1A - The top game in 1A will find (10-1) Addition at (10-0) Hackleburg, while other key games will find (8-3) Loachapoka at (11-0) Verbena, (5-6) Natusula at (9-2) Maplesville and (9-2) Sweet Water at (9-2) Billingsley.

CLASS 2A - The top game in the state in 2A will be in Luverne, where the (9-2) Luverne Tigers will be looking to snap the 54-game winning streak of (11-0) Clay County. Other key games will find (8-3) Montgomery Academy at (7-4) Red Level, (7-4) Florala at (8-3) Highland Home and (8-3) Cottonwood at (5-6) Reeltown.

CLASS 3A - The top game in the 3A ranks will find (9-2) Aliceville at (11-0) Briarwood, while other games of interest will find (8-3) Rehobeth at (10-1) UMS-Wright, (8-3) Sulligent at (9-2) St. James, and (9-2) Colbert County at (6-5) Weaver.

CLASS 4A - The top game in the 4A playoffs will find (11-0) Dale County battling (10-1) T.R. Miller, in Brewton, while other key games will find (8-3) Greensboro at (6-4) Daleville, (10-0) Desher at (10-1) Alexander County, and (9-1) Alexandria at (8-3) Pleasant Grove.

CLASS 5A - The top headline in the 5A ranks will find (11-0) Sylacauga at (11-0) Greenville, while other key games will find (8-3) Blount at (9-2) Smiths Station, (8-3) Jackson-Olin at (9-1) Etowah, (6-4) Jeff Davis at (9-2) T.R. Miller, Lee at (9-1) Central, of Phenix City, while other key games will find (10-1) Vestavia Hills at (10-1) Dothan, (6-5) Prattville at (9-2) Benjamin Russell, of Alexander City.

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CLASS 2A - The results were slightly better in the 2A circles as Cottonwood blanked Goshen 12-0, Highland Home surprised Excel 18-6, Florala blanked Houston County 48-0. Luverne spanked Geneva County 28-8 and Red Level upset G.W. Long 27-20.

CLASS 3A - It wasn't a total wash-out in the 3A ranks, either, as Rehobeth scored late to edge past St. Clair County 23-20 and UMS-Wright outscored Fulton 49-21. On the other end of the ledger, Headland lost to Lincoln 34-24, Trinity fell to Briarwood 21-0 and Southern Choctaw fell to Cordova 19-13.

CLASS 4A - The state's most exciting class saw T.R. Miller edge Dallas County 21-12, Daleville slip past Tallassee 21-18 and Dale County outscored Dadeville 41-24. In other action, W.S. Neal was stunned by Greensboro 14-6, Abbeville lost to Lanett 22-20 and Pike County fell to Handley 42-14.

CLASS 5A - The action in 5A was exciting, as expected, with Blount blanking Chilton County 25-0, Greenville whipping Valley 25-6 and Sylacauga whipping Citronelle 41-13. Teams finding their way out of the playoffs included Opp, a 7-0 loser to Smiths Station; Stanhope Elmore, a 14-13 loser to Jackson; and Demopolis, a 14-7 loser to Shaw.

CLASS 6A - Anything can, and will happen in the 6A ranks, as Do-

than slipped past Carver 7-6, Robert E. Lee edged Baldwin County 10-7, Jeff Davis spanked Enterprise 26-0 and Pelham stunned Vigor 27-20. In other action, Central of Phenix City, blanked Theodore 13-0, Prattville edged past Fairhope 20-17, in overtime, and Benjamin Russell surprised Murphy 17-14, also in overtime.

The second round will be played this week, with a total of 96 teams battling for the right to advance to the quarterfinals. Following is a brief preview of this week's action:

CLASS 1A - The top game in 1A will find (10-1) Addition at (10-0) Hackleburg, while other key games will find (8-3) Loachapoka at (11-0) Verbena, (5-6) Natusula at (9-2) Maplesville and (9-2) Sweet Water at (9-2) Billingsley.

CLASS 2A - The top game in the state in 2A will be in Luverne, where the (9-2) Luverne Tigers will be looking to snap the 54-game winning streak of (11-0) Clay County. Other key games will find (8-3) Montgomery Academy at (7-4) Red Level, (7-4) Florala at (8-3) Highland Home and (8-3) Cottonwood at (5-6) Reeltown.

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## At 1A State Volleyball Tournament

## Kinston wins state championship

The Kinston High School Lady Bulldogs stormed past six opponents without losing a single set to claim the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A State Volleyball championship, on the weekend of November 6-8, in Birmingham.

The wins at the state tournament gave the Lady Bulldogs a final record of 47-8, which set a school record for most wins in a season and for winning percentage.

"Winning the state championship was incredible," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades. "This was my 25th year coaching, and I would have to say that it was without a doubt the most special. We had finished as the runner-up four times and placed third on a number of other occasions, but one of my goals as a coach was to win a state championship. Now that we have won one, I want to go out and win another one."

In the state championship win

over Bayside Academy, of Mobile, a team that had defeated Kinston five times during the season, the Lady Bulldogs were in complete charge from the opening serve.

"I believe that we saved our best game of the season for the last game of the season," said Coach Rhoades. "I kept waiting for Bayside to get something started and make a match out of it, but everything went our way and the girls were determined that the title would not get away from them."

"We just couldn't get into a groove or get anything going," said Bayside's Coach Ann Schilling. "They came out ready to play and I really think they were more hungry than we were."

The state tournament, which included the winners and runners-up from each of the four regional tournaments, began play on Thursday, Nov. 6, with pool play, and the Lady Bulldogs rolled to three straight wins to advance as one of the two top-seeds.

Kinston began its drive to the title by sweeping past Altamont 15-1, 15-9. Tiffany Rhoades recorded 17 sets, 8 digs and 1 solo block to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lana Odom had 10 serves and 3 block assists. Kaci Fleming had 6 kills and 11 digs, Allie Sumblin had 4 kills and 11 sets and Suzanne Rhoades had 13 serves and 8 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs' second win in pool play came over Donoho 15-10, 15-5. Kaci Fleming recorded 8 kills, 12 serves, 21 digs and 1 solo block to lead Kinston, while Allie Sumblin added 5 kills, 20 sets and 10 serves. Tiffany Rhoades had 25 sets and 1 solo block, Lana Odom had 1 solo block and 2 block as-

sists, and Suzanne Rhoades had 5 kills and 24 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs' third win in pool play came over Addison 15-8, 15-1. Tiffany Rhoades recorded 7 kills, 21 sets, 15 digs and 2 block assists to lead Kinston, while Kaci Fleming added 7 kills, 14 digs and 3 block assists. Allie Sumblin had 7 kills and 21 sets. Hope Bedsole had 12 serves and Suzanne Rhoades had 8 serves.

The tournament format switched to single-elimination on Friday, Nov. 7, with all eight teams advancing, with their placement in the brackets based upon their record in the pool play.

Kinston moved on in their quest for a state title with a 15-7, 15-1, 15-0 win over Collinsville. Allie Sumblin recorded 10 kills, 18 sets and 20 digs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Tiffany Rhoades added 25 sets, 11 serves and 1 solo block. Kaci Fleming had 8 kills and 1 solo block, Lana Odom had 15 sets and 20 digs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kaci Fleming had 12 kills, 16 serves, 27 digs and 2 block assists. Tiffany Rhoades had 7 kills, 22 sets and 2 solo blocks, Lana Odom had 18 serves and

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## State Tournament Highlights

Allie Sumblin - 117 sets, 10 solo blocks and 54 digs  
Kaci Fleming - 48 kills, 40 serves and 93 digs  
Tiffany Rhoades - 130 sets, 8 solo blocks and 23 digs

## 1997 Kinston Lady Bulldogs

## STATE CHAMPIONS

- 10 - Suzanne Rhoades
- 11 - Sabrina Piland
- 12 - Kaci Fleming
- 13 - Tiffany Hawthorne
- 14 - Hope Bedsole
- 15 - Allie Sumblin
- 16 - Amy Jones
- 20 - Lana Odom
- 21 - Tiffany Rhoades
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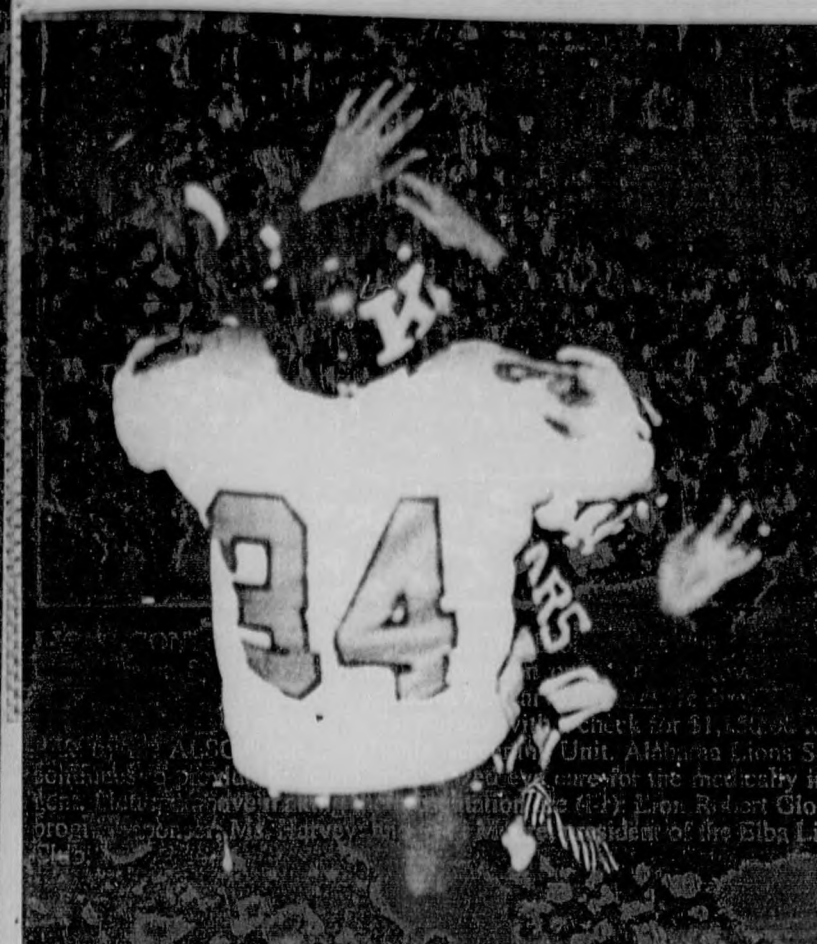
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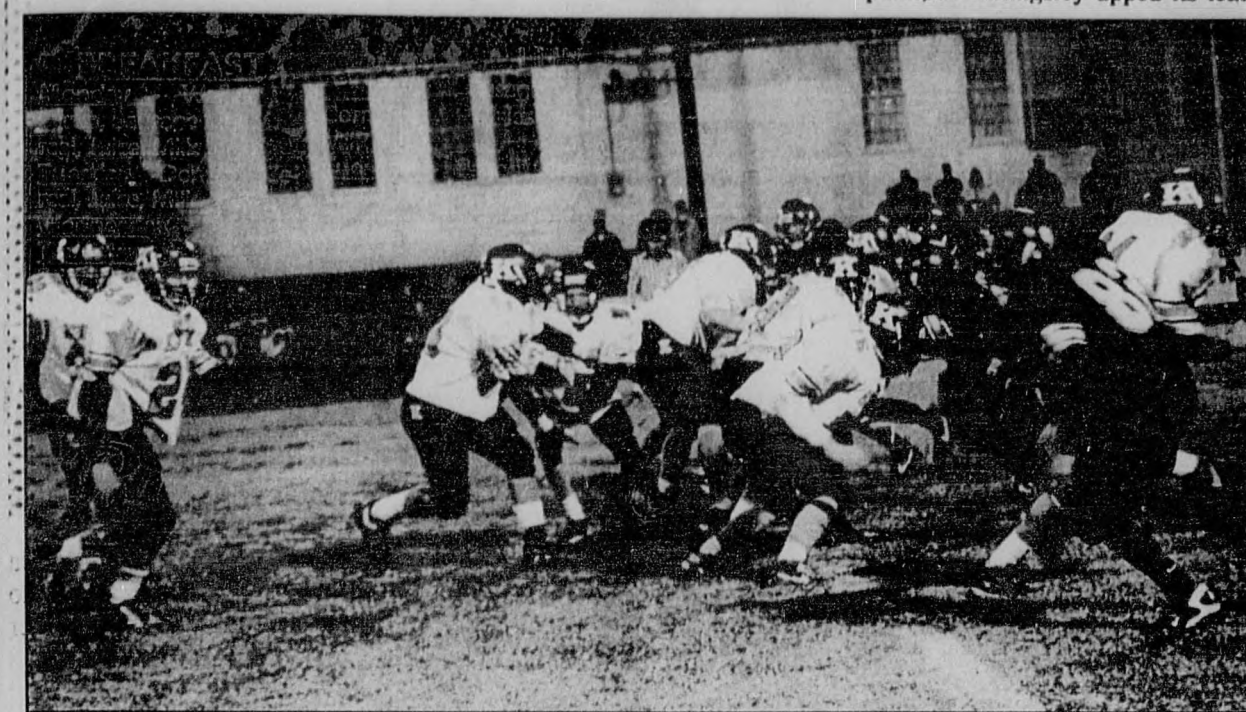
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Kinston's Matt Winstead (34) tries to pull in a pass during the Bulldogs' opening round playoff loss to Billingsley.



Kinston Bulldog fullback Fred Edwards (44) reaches to take hand-off during playoff game Friday night in Billingsley. The Bulldogs were eliminated from the 1A football playoffs 55-19 by the high-powered Bears.

## Bulldogs exit early 18-13

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an end Friday night at the hands of the Notasulga Blue Devils, as the Bulldogs lost three fumbles, two pass interceptions, and the game 18-13.

The Bulldogs' first possession of the night began at their own 45-yardline after an Alan Compton fumble recovery. The possession was short-lived, however, as on Brantley's first play, an Andy Johnson pass was tipped and intercepted by Desmond Aikens at the Blue Devil 39-yardline.

Two plays later Brantley's Bo Daniels intercepted a Trey Langford pass and returned it 38 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. Gregory Daniels boosted the extra-point, and with 8:21 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were on top 7-0.

Brantley fumbled the ball away on its next two possessions, with Grady Bentley getting the first turnover and Steven Hodges getting the second. Hodges scooped up his fumble and raced 35 yards for a touchdown to put Notasulga on the scoreboard. A two-point try failed, but with 3:52 left in the first quarter the Brantley lead had been cut to 7-6.

Brantley drove deep into Blue Devil territory late in the half, but the clock reached :00 with the Bul-

dogs at the 16-yardline, and at intermission the Bulldogs went in clinging to a 7-6 advantage.

The two teams again exchanged fumbles at the start of the second half, with Shamus Cobb getting a recovery for the Devils, and Zack Burnett claiming a fumble for the Bulldogs.

The Blue Devils started a drive at their own 43-yardline midway through the third quarter, and on the eighth play of the drive Desmond Aikens took a pitch-out and dashed 34 yards for a touchdown. A pass for two failed, but with 4:50 left in the third quarter Notasulga had moved ahead 12-7.

Brantley regained the lead with 8:46 remaining in the game when Darrell Owens scored on a 13-yard punt to cap a seven play, 72-yard march. A key play in the drive was a 39-yard completion from Darrell Owens to Lucas Hill. A two-point pass failed following the touchdown, and with 8:46 left in the game the Bulldogs were back on top 13-12.

Notasulga put the ball in play at its own 12-yardline with 3:40 left on the clock, and stunned the Brantley defense, as on a third down and 10, Trey Langford connected with Robert Crittenden for a 78-yard pass completion to the Bulldog 10-yardline.

The Bulldog defensive back

By Cade Shiver, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Billingsley Friday night in the opening round of the Class 1A state high school football playoffs and were simply no match for the high-powered Bears as Billingsley scored almost at will in posting a lopsided 55-19 win.

The win improved Billingsley's record to 9-2 and moved the Bears into the second round of the playoffs, while Kinston ended its season with a 2-9 record.

Billingsley received the opening kickoff and needed only four snaps to visit the endzone for the first of many times. The 43-yard drive was capped off by a 25-yard run by Jeremy Carter, and Carter also ran in for the two-point conversion, as the Bears jumped on top 8-0 with less than two minutes off the clock.

Billingsley got the ball back at its own 36-yardline following a Bulldog punt, and this time marched 64 yards in nine plays to tie the game. Alonzo Harrison scored the touchdown on a 4-yard dash, and Carter added the extra-point, as Billingsley upped its lead

to 15-0 with 4:02 left in the opening stanza.

Billingsley's next possession began at its 41-yardline, and after a loss on first down, got right back into the endzone as Jeremy Carter turned the corner on the Kinston defense and raced 61 yards for a touchdown. Carter's extra-point try was true, and the Bears were in command with a 22-0 lead with 1:39 still left in the first quarter.

Kinston moved the chains for the first time on its next possession on a 6-yard third down completion from Bishop Edwards to Ronnie Sansom, and a pass interference penalty against the Bears gave the Bulldogs another first down near midfield. Jeremy Osborn bulled his way to another first down on a key third down play; however, the drive stalled, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt.

Billingsley put the ball in play at its 29-yardline following the punt, but this time the Bulldog defense was determined to stop the high-powered Bear offense, and after three plays Billingsley faced a fourth down and seven at its own 32-yardline. The Bears gambled on the fourth down play, and it paid dividends, as a 32-yard pass completion gave the Bears a first down at the Kinston 36-yardline. Carter covered the final 36 yards on the very next play, and after Carter again added the extra-point, Billingsley was on top 29-0 with 2:21 left in the half.

Billingsley began its next possession at its own 33-yardline, and this time needed only four yards to cover the 67 yards to paydirt. Carter scored his fourth touchdown of the half on a 34-yard scamper, and also added the extra-point, as at the half the Bears went in with a 36-0 advantage over the out-manned Bulldogs.

Kinston went three and out on its first possession of the second half, but got the ball right back on a Billingsley fumble, as stunned the Bears by getting on the scoreboard on its very next play!

The Bulldog touchdown came when Ronnie Sansom pulled in a Bishop Edwards pass near the sidelines at the 32-yardline, and perfectly executed the "hook and ladder," as he pitched back to a streaking Jeremy Osborn, and Osborn raced 32 yards into the endzone. Osborn tacked on the extra-point, and with 8:21 left in the third quarter Billingsley's lead had been cut to 36-7.

Billingsley was determined to regain command, and needed only three plays to do just that, as Jer-

emy Carter broke loose and rammed 27 yards for his fifth score of the night. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:15 left in the third quarter the Bears had quieted the Kinston comeback hopes by taking a 42-7 advantage.

Kinston's offense was now convinced it could move the football, and the Bulldogs promptly marched 70 yards in eight plays to get right back into the endzone.

The drive was a mixture of run and pass, with Ronnie Sansom pulling in two passes for 12 and 22 yards to spark the scoring march. Sansom later made an outstanding diving catch in the endzone on a 32-yard TD toss from Edwards, and with :59 left in the third quarter Billingsley was on top 42-13.

Billingsley recovered Kinston's on-sides kick attempt at the Bulldog 40-yardline, and three snaps later was back in the endzone. Alonzo Harrison scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run, and Carter, who gained 23 yards on one carry during the march, added the extra-point, as Billingsley moved on top 49-13 with 11:12 left in the game.

Jeremy Osborn took matters into his own hands on Kinston's en-

suing series, as the speedy Bulldog back took the ball on 9 of 12 snaps to lead Kinston down the field. Osborn added the touchdown on a 2-yard run, and with 3:50 left on the clock Kinston had pulled within 49-19.

The Bears began their next series at midfield, and easily got back into the endzone as Alonzo Harrison scored on a 34-yard dash to give Billingsley the 55-19 victory.

Jeremy Osborn gained 81 yards on 17 carries to lead Kinston, while Billingsley's Jeremy Carter gained 218 yards on nine carries, scored five touchdowns, kicked five extra-points and scored a two-point conversion.

## STATISTICS

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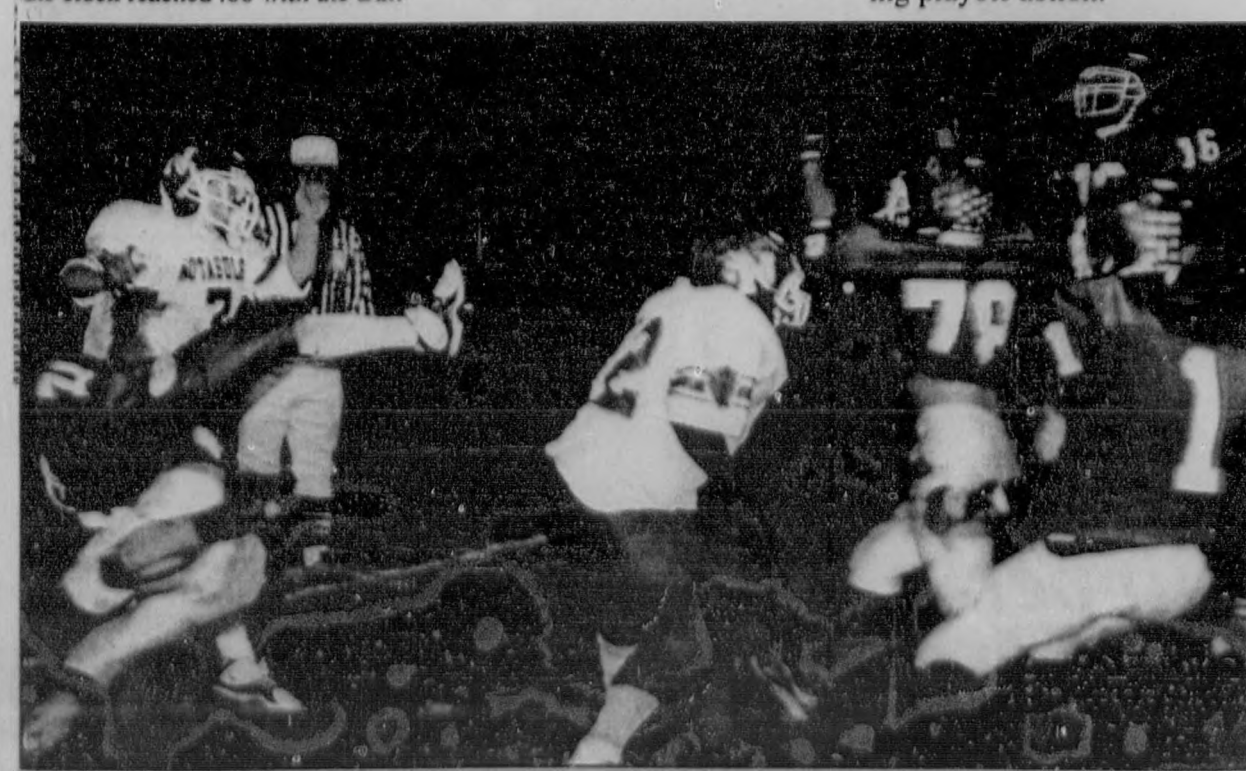
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Three Months Ended Sept. 30	1997	1996
Premium Income	\$7,894,000	\$7,177,000
Investment Income	1,173,000	1,047,000
Total Revenues	10,636,000	8,237,000
Net Income	633,000	785,000
Net Income Per Share	.28	.34
Nine Months Ended Sept. 30	1997	1996
Premium Income	\$23,757,000	\$19,505,000
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Total Revenues	29,531,000	23,810,000
Net Income	2,265,000	471,000
Net Income Per Share	.98	.20

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of Dixie Music Park will act as Emcee for the day with entertainment beginning at 9:00 a.m. The following is a schedule of events for the festival:

9:00 - WELCOME-Christmas Music  
9:30 - Dustin Rhodes; Haley Stinson-Page Merritt; and students from Lynn Wilson's Class  
10:00-Classic Country Cloggers  
10:30-Assembly of God Adult

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11:00-Miss Christmas Pageant  
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12:30-Carol and Wesley Choirs - United Methodist Church  
1:00-Magesty  
1:30-"Surprise Performance"  
2:00-Sheila Adams  
2:30-Elba Band-3rd & 4th grades  
3:00-Westside Baptist Church Children's Choir  
3:30-Basin Baptist Church Children's Choir  
4:00-"REDEEM"  
4:45-Lighting Ceremony-LIVE NATIVITY  
5:00-PARADE

Also, Jeff Smith with Shiloh Baptist Church has arranged for Live Gospel Music with several groups performing throughout the day. Uncle Doug with WZTZ will be on hand for playing Christmas music and helping set the mood for this festive day. We'll have plenty to keep the children busy with face painting, rides and a visit and picture with Santa. The Lighting Ceremony will be at 4:45 and we'll conclude the day with our 10th Annual Christmas Parade at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join in the festivities November 29th on the square in Elba.



**LIONS CONTRIBUTE TO SIGHT...**The Elba Lions Club was host to the Alabama Sight Conservation Association on Tuesday, November 11. The speaker for the evening was Judith M. Harvey, executive director of the ALSA. The Lions presented Ms. Harvey with a check for \$1,500.00 to be used by the ALSA and the Mobile Screening Unit. Alabama Lions Sight continues to provide basic and specialized eye care for the medically indigent. Pictured above making the presentation are (l-r): Lion Robert Glover, program sponsor, Ms. Harvey; and Fred Moore, president of the Elba Lions Club.

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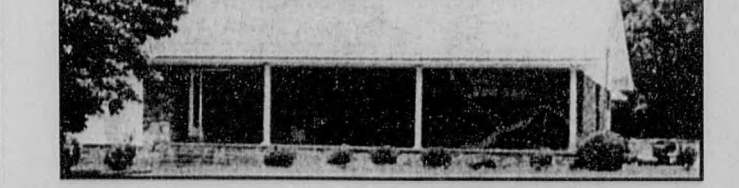
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Susan L. Taylor-Extension Agent/NEP

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Some recipes can be altered by simply reducing an ingredient or substituting one for another. Some general reductions and substitutions include the following:

\*Sugar can be reduced by 1/3. Example: if a recipe says 1 cup, use 2/3 cup. This works best in home-canned and frozen fruits and in-making puddings and custards. It may be less desirable for cookies and cakes. It should be remembered that non-caloric sweeteners work best as substitutes for sugar in uncooked foods. They are usually adversely affected by heat. These substitutes also do not perform the other functions of sugar.

\*Fat often can be reduced by 1/3. Example: if the recipe has 6 tablespoons, use 4 tablespoons. This works best in gravies, sauces, puddings, and quick breads.

\*Salt may be left out or reduced by 1/2. Example: if the recipe says 1 tablespoon, use 1-1/2 teaspoons. Use spices and herbs for a different flavor.

\*Whole grain flour can be substituted for 1/4 to 1/2 of refined flour. Example: if the recipe has 3 cups all-purpose flour, use 3/4 cup whole grain flour and 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour.

\*Yogurt or cottage cheese may be substituted for sour cream in some sauce and dip recipes.

\*Use low-fat cheese in place of higher fat cheese in recipes.

\*Skim milk may be substituted for whole milk in most recipes.

\*Evaporated milk or whipped nonfat dry milk may be substituted for cream in some recipes calling for whipped cream.

\*To alter a recipe, use the following tips:  
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## Thanksgiving

By Connie Brown, Staff Writer

Most Americans think of Thanksgiving as a day when family and friends come together for a huge meal consisting of the traditional "turkey," stuffing and other such low-fat items, then sit (or perhaps lay on the couch) all afternoon and watch football!

Although that would be a fair assessment of the holiday as it is known in the United States today, that's not what Thanksgiving is all about.

The forefathers of America struggled a great deal to create the independence and freedom that we Americans so treasure today. Thanksgiving Day was used as a symbolic gesture between the Plymouth Colony in 1621 and the Native Americans as they began to work together toward one goal.

The two human entities had farmed the land, taught each other a new way of life, and then used the Thanksgiving Day feast as a means to celebrate oneness.

There were 102 English Puritans and separatists who founded Plymouth Colony. The English settlers originally were headed for Virginia. However, while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship was blown off course by storms. Hence, the accidental landing on Plymouth Rock, (which is now in the state of Massachusetts) North America in December 1620.

Through the winter months the Pilgrims suffered a great deal, but Spring brought forth a time of renewal and dedication to succeed.

Crops were planted and the settlers exchanged goods with the Indians for seed. Together they planted their crops and in the Fall they reaped the harvest.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were extremely grateful to God for His protection and for the bountiful harvest they were able to enjoy.

On November 26, 1789, President George Washington officially declared the first National Thanksgiving Day. The custom was later renewed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

In 1941, Congress declared Thanksgiving Day should fall on the fourth Thursday of November each year, which has been carried out ever since that time.

The reason for the customary turkey dinner is to act as a reminder of the four wild turkeys served at the very first Thanksgiving dinner by the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony in 1621.

## Elba City Council's meeting routine

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday night of this week, the Elba City Council made a board appointment, heard a routine police report, gave the police chief permission to hire a replacement for a resigned radio operator and heard the city clerk report all in well with the flood pumps.

Jerry McMillan was reappointed to another five year term on the Elba Housing Board by unanimous vote of the city council. Mayor James Grimes told the council he had received positive reports on McMillan's service and that McMillan had agreed to serve another appointment.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth the new NCIC machine is on line and operators are training for it's use. He said the operators and certain police officers will take a 16 hour course on December 15th and 16th to become certified on the equipment.

He reported citizens request to put the traffic light at Whitman's and the one at the Spur station on blinking caution on the thru traffic sides. He said this had been forwarded to the state and they are expected to install a timer to put these lights on automatic caution flashing from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. each night.

Whitworth again reported on discussions to correct traffic problems causing accidents at the 203 Bypass intersections. He said he feels some remedies are probable in the near future.

A John W. Sharpless motion to allow the city's street sweeper to sweep the Kleiner's parking lot died for lack of a second. Sharpless noted Kleiner's was a good corporate neighbor and the city should show appreciation.

Mayor Grimes said he had checked League of Municipalities guidelines and only found an Attorney General ruling which said leasing city equipment was legal if a fair market rate was received and there was no private enterprise available to do the work.

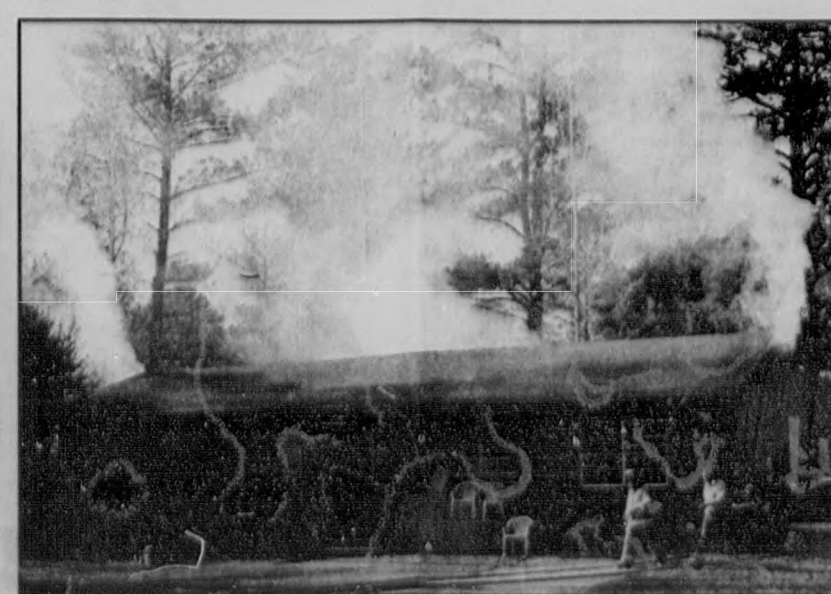
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## HAPPENINGS

**ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.** The Annual Elba Christmas Festival is set for Saturday, November 29, 1997, on Elba's Historic Courthouse Square. The day's festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with the Christmas Parade beginning at 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should contact Kaye Whitworth at (334)897-3669 or the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.** The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, December 1, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in New Brockton City Hall.

**CHILD FIND ACTIVITY.** The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all disabled persons ages 3-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting and all 0-3-year-old handicapped children. The parent(s) of a disabled child or anyone having knowledge of someone who is disabled are asked to contact the principal of their local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 897-5016.



**HEAVY DAMAGE BY FIRE...**On Tuesday afternoon (1:10 p.m.), November 18, Elba firemen were dispatched to the scene of a house fire on Riverview Drive. Upon their arrival, they discovered that the fire had not "broken out," however, heavy smoke was pouring out the roof vents. The blaze was contained inside the house and after several minutes the fire was under control and finally extinguished. The house suffered heavy damage from fire, smoke, and water. No determination was made as to the cause of the fire. The home belongs to Molly Steller.

NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES STILL POSSIBLE

## No county voting houses to close

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

There will be no closing or consolidation of voting precincts or beats in Coffee County - at this time.

In a 5-0 (two commissioners - Tom Grimley and Len Averett abstained) vote, the Coffee County Commission approved Commissioner Kaye Lewis' motion not to close any voting house in the county.

There were several residents (an estimated 35-40 individuals) from throughout Coffee County at Monday's meeting of the county commission.

Five individuals addressed the commission expressing their displeasure that the commission would even consider closing any voting house in the county.

"Consider the negative effect that this would have on our communities," said Hefflin Smith.

He asked that the commissioners consider the effect this would have on our senior citizens, working people, and farmers scattered throughout rural Coffee County.

"I speak on behalf of our community (Kinston) and the surrounding communities (Perry's Store, Holley Store, etc.) that we are opposed to closing any polls at this time," Smith said.

William H. Mullins, Jr., mayor of Kinston, also addressed the commission. "If we can build a four million dollar courthouse in Enterprise, we can pay poll workers," he said.

A former member of the commission, Gilmer Grant, complimented the commissioners on the job they were doing and asked that they commission consider "leaving things just as they are at this time."

Others addressing the commission echoed the same feeling toward closing any of the county's polling places. They suggested that there are other ways to cut expenses without cutting voting houses.

The chairman of the commission, Robert Stephens, was presented with several petitions bearing several hundred signatures of individuals expressing their opposition to any move to close or consolidate voting houses.

Probate Judge William O. Gamble, after the rules were suspended, addressed the commission. He noted that the proposal to purchase new electronic voting equipment for the county was the original matter being considered by the commission.

"Please stay committed to that issue," he told commissioners.

When asked by a member of the audience what he favored, he stated that he was always concerned with saving the taxpayers' money and favored consolidation of the county's polling places.

Commissioner Stephens said he thought the new voting machines were a good idea but would rather continue voting on the old machines if it meant depriving anyone of the right to vote.

Commissioner Tom Grimley, who proposed the idea of poll consolidation, stated, "It was never my intent to keep anyone from voting or inconveniencing them in any way."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple stated that he was not trying to hold the county back, but maybe this was not the time to make changes in the polling places.

He noted that several constituents, and others, had suggested to him that one way the county could save a lot of money was to reduce the number of commissioners.

Commissioner Brooks thanked the residents of the county for coming to the meeting and voicing their opinions.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

**"This is democracy at work!"**  
**Bernest Brooks**

"This is democracy at work," he said.

Turning to other matters of business on the meeting agenda, Joe Sawyer, an Enterprise attorney, addressed the commission on behalf of his clients, Mrs. Olree Parrish and Mrs. Penny Powell. He asked that the commission not oppose the closing of Co. Rd. 720.

Recently, this road has been involved in civil court action and appears to be again. Sawyer contends that the commission has sued his clients.

Several months ago, the commission instructed the county's attorney, Kenneth Fuller, to find out the final outcome of the civil action involving the road. Fuller had petitioned the court for a declaratory judgement concerning this matter.

Commissioner Lewis responded to Sawyer's statement that the county was suing his clients.

\*\*\*Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kaye Lewis and Doug Dalrymple were appointed to study the feasibility of a countywide water authority.

\*\*\*Approved extending credit to Hazard One of Tuscaloosa, AL for the use of the county landfill.

\*\*\*Passed a resolution adopting a recently revised set of subdivision regulations.

\*\*\*Commission advised of ending terms (2 years) of three members of the county's Public Building Authority. They are: Orie Parrish (Dist. 4); Billy G. Mixson (Dist. 7); and Ferrin Cox (Dist. 3).

\*\*\*Approved assisting in the paving of the driveway at the District 6 voting house (Enterprise YMCA).

\*\*\*Engineer Randy Tindell said that repair work on Co. Rd. 349 would begin next week, weather permitting. The job should take approximately two weeks.

**MISS ELBA RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently presented the reigning Miss Elba, Elizabeth Strong, with a check for \$750 to be used toward her college education. Pictured above during the presentation are (l-r): Renita Marler, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Melba Hollinghead, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Elizabeth Strong, Miss Elba; James E. Grimes, Mayor of Elba.

## 10th Annual Christmas Festival

\*\*\*Schedule of Events\*\*\*

Saturday, November 29, 1997

9:00 a.m. - Welcome & Christmas Music  
9:30 a.m. - Dustin Rhodes; Haley Stinson; Paige Merritt; and students from Lynn Wilson's class  
10:00 a.m. - Classic Country Cloggers  
10:30 a.m. - Assembly of God Adult Choir  
11:00 a.m. - Miss Christmas Pageant & "GREASE" Performance  
12:30 p.m. - Carol and Wesley Choirs from Elba United Methodist Church  
1:00 p.m. - Magesty  
1:30 p.m. - "Surprise Performance"  
2:00 p.m. - Sheila Adams  
2:30 p.m. - Musicians from the Elba Elementary School's 3rd & 4th grades  
3:00 p.m. - Westside Baptist Church Children's Choir  
3:30 p.m. - Basin Baptist Church Children's Choir  
4:00 p.m. - "Redeem"  
4:45 p.m. - Lighting Ceremony - Live Nativity Scene  
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Parade